



COUNCIL MINUTES

February 2, 2009

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on February 2, 2009 at 5:15 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Scott Smith
Alex Finter
Dina Higgins
Kyle Jones
Dennis Kavanaugh
Dave Richins
Scott Somers

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Linda Crocker

Mayor Smith excused Councilmember Higgins from the beginning of the meeting. She arrived at 5:18 p.m.

1. Review items on the agenda for the February 2, 2009 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflicts declared: None

Items added to the consent agenda: None

Planning Director John Wesley advised that agenda item 5a would be amended to reflect "parcels in excess of twenty (20) acres" rather than ten (10) acres.

Mayor Smith noted that the Councilmembers concurred with the amendment.

2. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

- a. Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on December 10, 2008
- b. Public Safety Committee meeting held on January 22, 2009

It was moved by Committeemember Somers, seconded by Committeemember Kavanaugh, that receipt of the above-referenced minutes be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

3. Hear reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

There were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 6:30 p.m. – Building Stronger Neighborhoods – District 3

Thursday, February 5, 2009, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Friday, February 6, 2009, 7:30 a.m. – Mayor's Breakfast at the Mesa Hilton Hotel

Monday, February 9, 2009, 4:00 p.m. – Intergovernmental Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 7:30 a.m. – Breakfast meeting with Dobson Ranch HOA

Thursday, February 12, 2009, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Mr. Brady announced that Water Division Director Bill Haney will retire on February 13, 2009, and that Kathryn Sorensen is being appointed as Water Resources Director to replace Mr. Haney. She will have responsibility for the Water and Wastewater areas. He also announced that Frank McRae is being appointed as Director of the new Energy Resources Department with responsibility for the Gas and Electric utility operations. Mr. Brady added that both Ms. Sorensen and Mr. McRae will report to Deputy City Manager Jack Friedline.

Mr. Friedline explained that four separate divisions (water, wastewater, gas and electric) are being streamlined into two departments in order to facilitate a more efficient operation.

Mr. Brady advised that the Utilities area has been reorganized from having four directors reporting to the Utilities Manager (who reported to the Deputy City Manager) to having two directors who report to the Deputy City Manager, which reduces the number of top level positions from five to two.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Jones, Mr. Friedline explained that each utility would continue to operate as a separate enterprise account.

Mayor Smith extended congratulations on behalf of the Council to Ms. Sorensen and Mr. McRae.

4. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

SCOTT SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 2nd day of February 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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